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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic.*

Edinburgh, Thurſday December 19, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 14.

London, Dec. 14.

LAST Thurſday the Morocco Ambaſſador went to the Tower where he was well received by the Officers, and ſhewn the Curioſities and Rarities there; with which his Excellency was well pleaſed, and gratified the inferiour Officers that attended him.

The new Church in the Strand is to be Conſecrated by the Lord Biſhop of London on Tueſday or Wedneſday next.

Yeſterday the Wind coming about Eaſterly, Colonel Negus and Others ſet out in the Afternoon towards Margate, in order to wait on his Majeſty if he lands on that Side.

Yeſterday Captain Long ſhot himſelf with a Piſtol at his Houſe in Red-lyon-ſquare, and died immediately.

David Kinloch, Eſq; is appointed Enſign to a Company of Foot doing Duty in Edinburgh Caſtle.

Mr. Croop, an eminent Dutch Merchant, died lately at Richmond in Surrey.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 114. S. S. Annuity, 99, 7 8ths. Bank, 112. India, 138. 1 half. African, 12 3 4ths. York Buildings, 1^{1}, 1 half.

For

For the Benefit of the Public.

Edinburgh, August 14, 1723. To the End, that no perſon may, either thro' Ignorance of the Law, or Inadvertency omitt complying with, and conſequently incurr the Penalties inflicted by an Act paſs'd laſt Seſſion of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act to oblige all Perſons, being Papiſts in that Part of* Great Britain *called* Scotland: *And all Perſons in* Great Britain, *refuſing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, by ſeveral Acts therein-mention'd, to regiſter their Names and real Eſtates:* Theſe are to certify all Perſons whatſoever, both Men and Women, in *Scotland*, *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, reſpectively, being of the age of Eighteen Years or upwards, and not having taken the Oathes therein mention'd (and hereunto ſubjoin'd) before the Firſt Day of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament: That they are obliged to take the ſaid Oaths, within the Time (*viz.* Thoſe of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, &c. on or before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three; and thoſe of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, on or before the twentyfifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twentyfour (and in ſome of the Courts preſcrib'd for that Purpoſe, at their Peril, *without any Summons or Notice for their ſo doing*; or in Default there of, to regiſter their Names and real Eſtates, as they, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt of them ſhall be ſeiz'd of, or otherwiſe intereſted in at the Time when they ought to have made ſuch Regiſter: Which Regiſtration to be reſpectively made, by thoſe of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, on or before the Twentyfifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twentyfour; and by thoſe of that Part *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, on or before the Twentyfourth Day of *June*, One thouſand ſeven hnndred and twentyfour

I A. B. Do ſincerely promiſe and *ſwear*, that *I* will be

be faithfull, and bear true Allegance to his *Majesty King George.* So help me God.

I A. B. Do from my heart abhorre, detest and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated, or deprived by the *Pope* or any Authority of the *See* of *Rome*, may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other Person whatsoever; and *I* do declare, that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm.

So help me God

I, A, B. Do truely and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my Conscience before God and the World, that our Sovereign Lord King George, is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be *Prince* of *Wales*, during the Life of the late *King James*, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England, by the Name of James III. or of Scotland by the Name of James VIII. or the Stile or Title of King of Great Britain, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And *I* do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King George, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity; and I will do my utmost Endeavours to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them, And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power, to mantain, support and defend the Succession of the Crown,

Crown, againſt him the ſaid *James*, and all other Perſons whatſoever; which Succeſſion, by Act, entituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, is and ſtands limited to the Princeſs *Sophia* Electreſs and Dutcheſs Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Proteſtants: And all theſe Things *I* do plainly and ſincerely acknowledge and ſwear according to theſe expreſs Words by me ſpoken, and according to the plain and common Senſe and Underſtanding of the ſame Words, without any Equivocation, or mental Reſervation whatſoever: And *I* do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promiſe, heartily, willingly and truely, upon the true Faith of a Chriſtian. So help me God.

At the Suit of an Anonymous Letter.

Anno Primo Georgii Regis.

An Act to Enable Perſons now Reſiding in Great Britain, *to take the Oaths, and to do all other Acts in* Great Britain, *requiſite to Qualifie themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices and Employments in* Ireland.

WHereas by an Act of Parliament in the 6th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, Entituled, *An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Proteſtant Line*, It was (amongſt other Things) Enacted, That no Office, Place or Employment, Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, ſhould become Void by reaſon of the Demiſe or Death of her ſaid late Majeſty; but every Perſon in any of the Offices, Places and Employments aforeſaid, ſhould continue in their reſpective Offices, Places and Employments, for the Space of Six Months next after ſuch Death or Demiſe, unleſs ſooner removed and Diſcharged by the next in Succeſſion; and that all Officers and Perſons in any Offices, Places or Employments, Civil or Military, who were or ſhould be by the ſaid Act continued, as aforeſaid, ſhould take the Oaths therein mentioned, and do all other Acts requiſite by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, to Qualifie themſelves to be and continue in ſuch their reſpective Places, Offices and Employments, within ſuch Time, and in ſuch Manner, and under ſuch Pains, Penalties and Diſabilities, as they ſhould or ought to do, had they been newly Elected, Appointed, Conſtituted and put into ſuch Offices, Places or Employments in the uſual and ordinary Way: And whereas divers Perſons having Offices, Places or Employments in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, are now reſiding in *Great Britain*, and by reaſon of their Attendance in Parliament, or other Occaſions, cannot at preſent go into *Ireland* to Qualifie themſelves in that Behalf as the Law directs; Be it therefore Enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That if any Perſon or Perſons, having, at the Time of the Demiſe of her ſaid late Majeſty, any Office, Place or Employment in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, is, are, or ſhall be reſiding in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and ſhall there take the Oaths in the ſaid Act directed, and do all other Acts requi-

requiſite by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm for Qualifying Perſons to be or continue in the like Offices, Places or Employments within the ſaid Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and do and perform the ſame in ſuch Courts, and before ſuch Perſons (which Courts and Perſons are hereby Authorized and Required to Adminiſter ſuch Oaths accordingly) and in ſuch Time and Manner as by the ſaid Laws and Statutes be required, the Taking ſuch Oaths, and doing ſuch Acts, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, in manner aforeſaid, ſhall be of the ſame Force and Effect for Qualifying ſuch Perſon or Perſons, to be and continue in ſuch Offices, Places and Employments, in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, as by the Act herein recited is directed, and to all other Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons had taken ſuch Oaths, and done ſuch other Acts within the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and in ſuch Courts, Places and Manner, as for Qualifying Perſons to be and continue in ſuch Offices, Places and Employments in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, is by Law Directed or Required.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall be lawful for all and every Perſon and Perſons, having ſuch Office or Employment in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the uſual Oath of his or their reſpective Office or Offices, before any One of the Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, who is hereby required to Adminiſter the ſaid Oath of Office to them reſpectively, the Tenor of which Oath or Oaths of Office the Lord High Chancellor, or Commiſſioners for the Cuſtody of the Great Seal of *Ireland* for the time being, is and are hereby required to Tranſmit, Atteſted under his or their Hand or Hands, to the Barons of the ſaid Court of Exchequer; and ſuch Baron who ſhall Adminiſter ſuch Oaths of Office, is hereby required to certifie the Taking thereof under his Hand and Seal to the ſaid Lord High Chancellor, or Commiſſioners for the Cuſtody of the Great Seal of the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being, on or before the Firſt Day of *February* next; and ſuch Certificate ſhall be and remain of Record in the High Court of Chancery in *Ireland*.

FINIS.

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London*, *Dec.* 14, 1723.

THERE is come over an Addreſs of the Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes of Virginia to the King, in which, they congratulate his Majeſty upon the timely Diſcovery of the late moſt unnatural Conſpiracy againſt his Majeſty's Royal Perſon, That they with Horrour reflect on the miſerable Condition their Mother-country muſt have faln under, had their accurſed Deſigns ſucceeded, and that no Calamity can befall Great Britain, in which they ſhall not partake: They are highly ſenſible, that the fatal Malignity of ſo dreadful a Revolution would quickly reach their remote Parts. On this Occaſion they beg leave to aſſure his Majeſt of their firm Loyalty and ſincere Affection to his ſacred Perſon and the eſtabliſhed Conſtitution; the happy Influence of which, they daily find under the mild and juſt Adminiſtration of the Honourable Hugh Dryſdale, Eſq; their Lieutenant Governour.

They ſay ther e will be be ſuddenly publiſhed another Speech made in the Houſe of Lords upon the 3d Reading of the Bill for inflicting Pains and Penalties upon the late Biſhop of Rocheſter, and will run in the ſame Strain with that which was publiſhed a few Days ago.

A Book is now come furth, entituled, *Biſhop Burnet's Proofs of the Pretender's illigeitmacy, compared with the Accounts given by other Writers of the ſame Fact, viz. Mr. Arch-deabon Echard, F. Orleans. Mr. Salmon and Bevil Higgins, Eſq;* In the Preface to his Book, the Author George Wilſon, Eſq; ſays, That notwithſtanding the Eagerneſs with which the Publick received this long expected Work (the Biſhop's Hiſtory) every Reader who reflects only will find, That Burnet contradicts the moſt authentick Writers, as Spotiſwood, Clarendon, *&c.* And roundly affirms that every Hiſtorian, who was before his Time, and in his Time

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is full of Falſhoods, and that he only is the Standard of Truth. We cannot ſpare Room for inſerting any of the Contents of the Book.

'Tis ſurpriſing to ſee the Multitudes of People which ſtill continue to repair to Weſtminſter, Guild-hall, and other Places, to take the Oaths required by the late Act, which 'tis computed muſt bring in at 15 d. per Head, a very conſiderable Sum of Money. 'Tis the general Opinion, That the Parliament will enlarge the Time for taking the ſaid Oaths.

The Biſhops of London, Durham, Lincoln and St. Aſaph, likewiſe 4 Members of Parliament for this City were preſent laſt Thurſday, at the Feaſt of the Sons of the Clergy. The City Members were invited by the Honourable Mr. Verney, Son of the Lord Willoughby of Brook, and one of the Steuards. The Collection for carrying on the charitable Deſigns of that Corporation amounted to more than 370 *L.* which has exceeded any of the former Collections by above 50 *L.*

The Commiſſioners for building the 50 new Churches, have reſolved to convert ſuch Chapels as are fit into parochial Churches, particularly that in the Broad Way Weſtminſter, and the new Chapel eaſtward of Lamb's Conduit.

We have the bad News this Day, the Treſield, Captain Swinſon from South Carolina, laden with Pitch, Tar and Turpentine, was drove aſhore, and loſt laſt Wedneſday at Marget; but all the Men were ſaved, except the Captain, who, by ſtepping ſhort, as he deſigned to ſtep into the Broat, was drown'd.

There is alſo an Account, That the Joſeph from Jamaica to London, has been taken by a Spaniſh Guard Ship near Cuba, and carried off. We are informed, that the Right Honourable the Lord Manſel lies dangerouſly ill at his Seat in Wales of the Convulſions and Hickets. In the mean Time, the Report of Sir Richard Steel's being dead proves falſe. Laſt Thurſday Sir Henry Dutton, Colt and other Juſtices, met at the Lord Townſhend's near St. *James's* Houſe, and adminiſtred the Oaths to the Lady Townſhend, Ms. Walpole, and Ms. Methwin.

Houſes are now built in ſuch ſlight Manner in this Town, that ſome of them fall down before the Workmen have left them. This Day the firſt Floor of a Houſe in the new Buildings in Gray's-Inn Lane gave Way, and a Stack of Chimneys fell down, killed one of the Workmen, and wounded ſeveral others.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶* *That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman-*Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-roms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rires*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northesk.*

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Truſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the firſt of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

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